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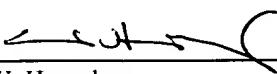
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, Applicant has the following remarks.

The Examiner's Action notes that the independent claims, and therefore all claims, distinguish the primary reference, McNutt et al., for the reason that the claims are "directed toward a change in the overall total memory of a cache in a physical sense, rather than a dynamic sense". The specific claim language that deals with this distinction is "responding to a change in said total available cache memory capacity by altering said cache directory".

The Examiner proceeds from this assessment of the claims and McNutt, to formulate a rejection based upon McNutt combined with Johnson. Johnson is relied upon for showing a

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